

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 20, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

REMARKS**I. Introduction**

This is in response to the December 20, 2001 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified application. Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary (a copy of which is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**) states that the December 20, 2001 Office Action is **non-final** (note box 2b) even though the detailed action is titled "Final Action". Applicant also notes that the detailed action fails to include PTO Form paragraph 7.39 as recommended by MPEP § 706.07. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that the December 20, 2001 Office Action is non-final.